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CHAPTER 207: ONE NIGHT IN NEW YORK

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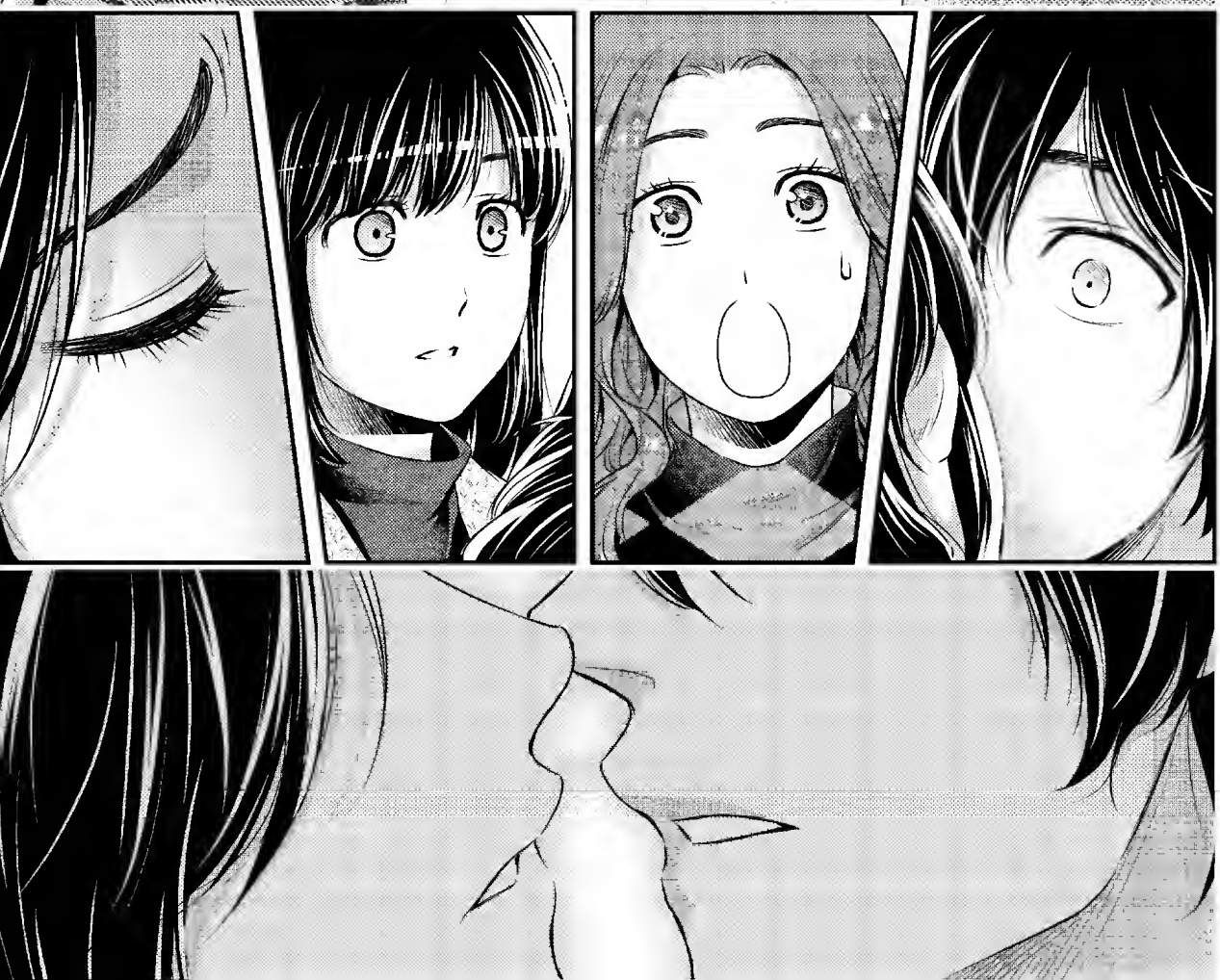

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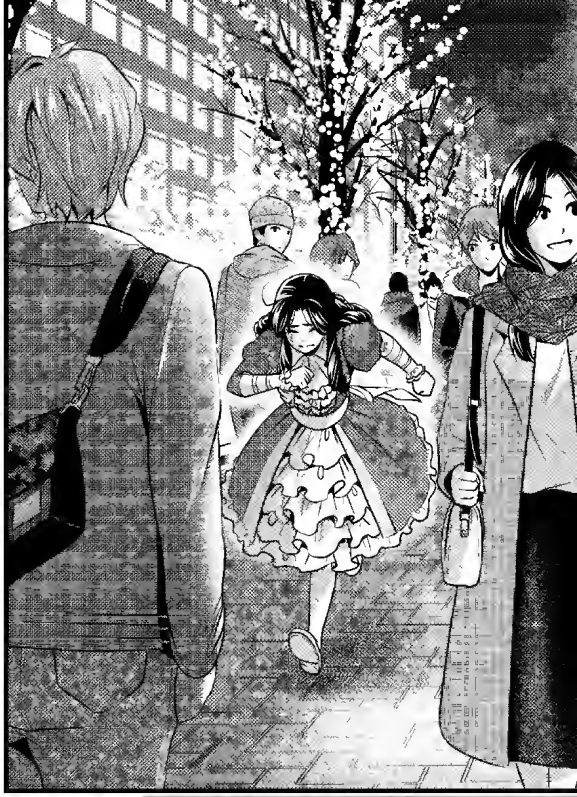
AH!
MIYABI?!

I WANTED TO BE IN THE SPOTLIGHT EVEN IF I HAD TO CLAW MY WAY THERE.

WHAT A JOKE. I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO GET ON STAGE.



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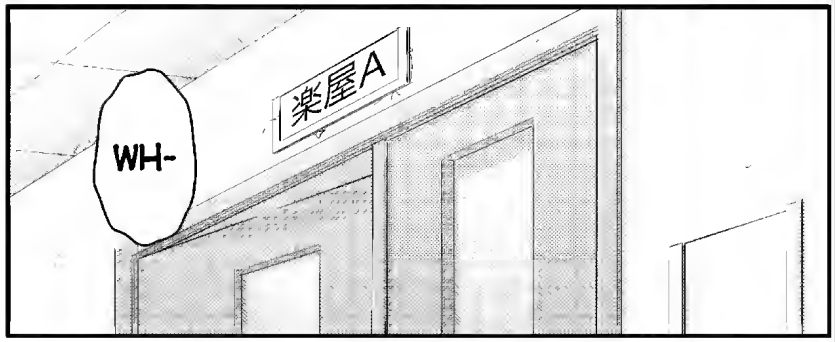
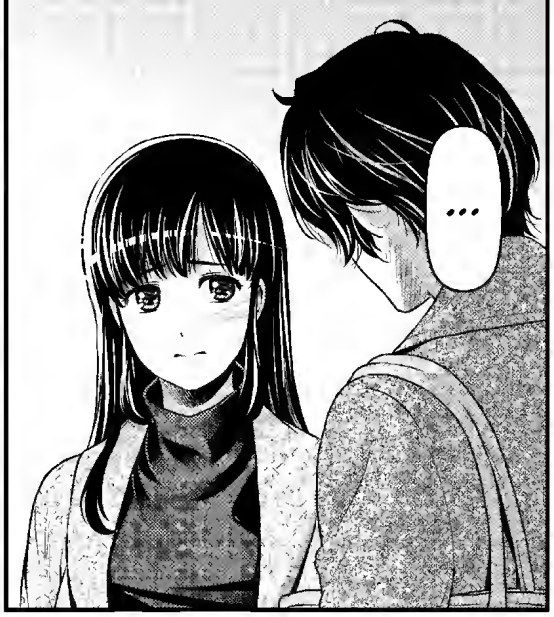


HEY.
WE SHOULD PROBABLY GET GOING.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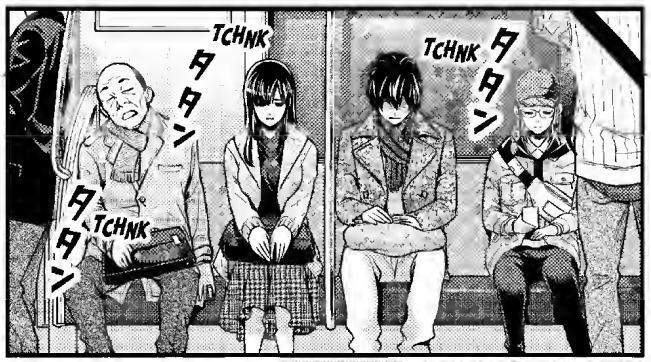
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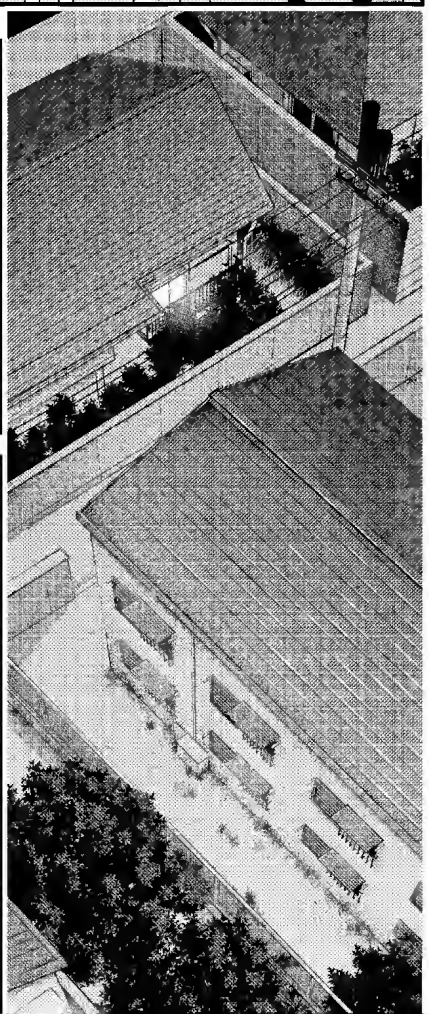

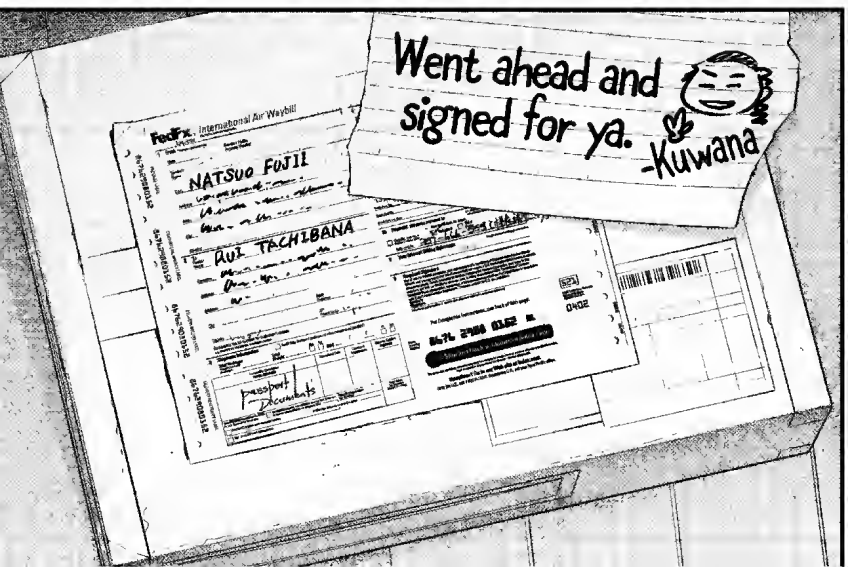
Went ahead and signed for ya. -Kuwana
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NATSUO FUJII
AUI TACHIBANA
Passport Documents

Merry Christmas
Bookprotector
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SHRI

I KNOW YOUR DEBUT RELEASE WAS KIND OF A MESS, BUT READ ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE BOOKS AND TRY TO CHEER UP, OKAY?
SO I JUST PACKED A BUNCH OF STUFF.
I WASN'T SURE WHAT TO GET YOU, BUT I FIGURED SOMETHING BOOK-RELATED WOULD BE SAFE,

TO NAT-SUO,
MERRY CHRIST-MAS.

WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING?!
GRIP
RUI KNEW, BUT...

IS THIS "FRIEND" OF YOURS SERIZAWA-SAN?
YOU BETTER NOT GIVE IN TO SERIZAWA-SAN'S TEMPTATIONS, GOT IT?

OH, HINA-NEE?
IT'S ME.
REAL-LY?
WELL... HE SOUNDED DOWN, SO I WAS JUST WONDERING IF SOMETHING HAPPENED.
HEY, YOU WENT WITH NATSUO TO SEE THAT CHRISTMAS PLAY, RIGHT?

Hmm. That doesn't add up.
God, this is why long-distance relationships suck so much.
What's up? Why the long face?
Oh, it's just... my boyfriend's been kinda depressed ever since Christmas.
I asked my sister if she knew anything, but it doesn't sound like anything happened in particular.
HM.
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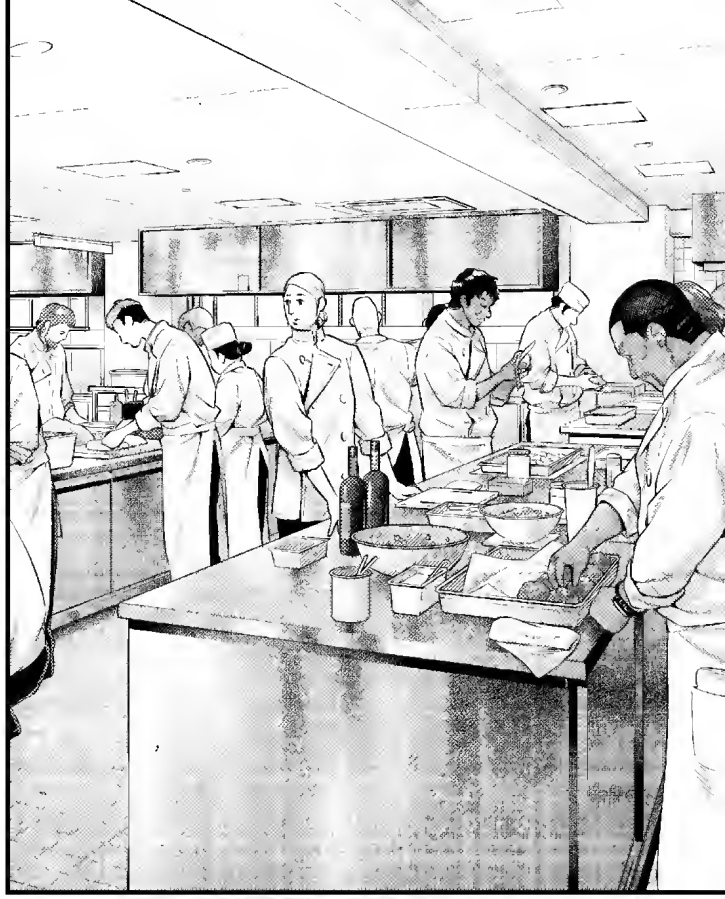
OKAY. THANKS.
C'mon, Rui. We gotta go, girl.

Rui,
Tokiya.

Chef wants to speak with you.
Come with me, please.



Um...
You wanted to speak with us, sir?
Ha ha. Relax.
I'm not going to chew you out or anything.

The reason I called you both in...
...was to discuss a letter we received from one of our Christmas dinner guests.
A letter?

Come on in.
Sorry to bug you during the lunch rush.

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Excuse us...

I understand those vegetable carvings were your idea.
They're all over social media.
She's a regular who comes in at least once a month and always reserves a table on Christmas.
She wrote to tell us this that year's appetizers were as beautiful as they were delicious,
and to thank us for making dinner with her grandson such a lovely memory.
Italian cuisine has a reputation for being delicious but a little on the plain side.
Some would even say that's the essence of Italian.
But I think it's wonderful to try new things...
...and strive to have people savor food with as many senses as possible.
The ideas and techniques you two brought to the table made our customers' experience extra special.
Thank you.
Keep up the great work.

This year's Christmas *antipasto* MVPs...
...are Tokiya and Rui!
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Get this, everyone!
What?!
Chef didn't say anything about that...
Around here, that's what it means to be called into his office.
That's great, you two!
Th-thanks.
I'm not surprised. Those carvings were really somethin'.
Show me how to do that sometime.
Way to go, Team Japan!

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HEY.
LEAV-ING?
YEAH.
YOU REALLY THINK IT'S OKAY IF WE BELIEVE THEM?
ABOUT WHAT?
THE MVP THING.
I MEAN, WE HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN WORKING HERE FOR THAT LONG.
I DON'T SEE A PROBLEM.
AS LONG AS WE DON'T LET IT GO TO OUR HEADS.
WELL ...
I GUESS SO.
I NEVER WOULD'VE THOUGHT TO DO DECORATIVE CARVING FOR THE CHRISTMAS MENU...
...IF YOU HADN'T BROUGHT IT UP, TACHIBANA.
THANKS.

Y'KNOW,
I FEEL LIKE THIS IS THE FIRST GOOD THING THAT'S HAPPENED IN A WHILE.
YOU'RE THE ONE WITH THE SKILLS.
I JUST HAD AN IDEA.
YEAH, WELL,
WHEN I OPENED THE BOX, THE HANDLE WAS ALREADY BROKEN.
YEAH, A MUG.
WAS IT TABLEWARE OR SOMETHING?
HIS PRESENT BROKE?
...TO FIX IT?
WANT ME...
HUH?
CAN YOU?
MY BOYFRIEND'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT BROKE IN THE MAIL,
AND HE'S DEPRESSED FOR SOME REASON BUT WON'T TELL ME WHY.
IT'S JUST BEEN BUMMER AFTER BUMMER LATELY.

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I'M SURPRISED YOU HAD TOOLS LIKE THAT.
I BORROWED 'EM FROM MY ROOMMATE. HE'S A BIG DIY GUY.
THEY'RE NOT QUITE WHAT YOU'D USE FOR *KINTSUGI*, BUT THEY'LL DO THE JOB.
IT'S CALLED *KINTSUGI*?
YEAH. IT'S AN ANCIENT TECHNIQUE FOR REPAIRING CERAMICS.
THE JAPANESE RESTAURANT I USED TO WORK AT USED A LOT OF EXPENSIVE EARTHENWARE.
WE REPAIRED PIECES THAT CHIPPED OR SPLIT AND USED THEM IN THE BACK.
ONE OF MY COWORKERS SHOWED ME THE ROPES.

I DUNNO IF I CAN ...
NO WORRIES, I'LL TEACH YOU.
HUH ...
WANNA GIVE IT A SHOT?
HOW'S THAT?
LOOKS GOOD.
YOU DON'T WANT TO FILE IT DOWN TOO MUCH.
NOW TO GLUE IT TOGETH-ER.
TRADI-TIONALLY, YOU'D USE LACQUER MIXED WITH GOLD DUST,
BUT EPOXY WILL DO JUST FINE HERE.

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OH.
HANG ON.
SO, JUST SPREAD IT ON THE SURFACE?
YUP.
GO LIGHTER.
IF YOU USE TOO MUCH GLUE, YOU WON'T GET A GOOD BOND.
...!
YOU ONLY WANT A THIN LAYER ...

HEY, ARE YOU LISTEN-ING?
CHACK
Uh-oh, Will. Looks like we came back at a bad time.
WAIT! DON'T LEAVE!
Let's go.
IT'S NOT WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE!
Huh?!
What?!
It's fine. Being away from your boyfriend for so long's just got you craving some company. I totally get it.
THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS AND YOU KNOW IT! STOP TRYING TO PISS ME OFF!
Are you guys re-enacting *Ghost* or something?!

I'm sure teasing us like that must be tons of fun for *you*,
but for us, it's just super annoying!
Right?!
No?
I don't mind, really.
HUH?!